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## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

 (Currently Amended) Method of securing patient data in the case of an exchange of information through a data network with the aid of computers, wherein comprising the steps of

<u>entering</u> the patient's name and address <del>is entered</del> in a first form displayed on a screen of a computer,

<u>assigning</u> the patient is <u>assigned</u> an identification number, which is displayed <u>displaying the identification number</u> on the screen,

<u>entering</u> the identification number and a question <del>are entered</del> in a second form displayed on a the screen,

<u>assigning</u> the answer to the question is <u>assigned</u> to the identification number and

<u>displaying the answer to the question displayed</u> on a <u>the</u> screen when the identification number is specified.

- (Currently Amended) Method of Claim 1, wherein further comprising the step of processing and storing the patient's name and address on the one hand and the question and answer on the other hand are processed and stored on separate Web servers and/or separate database servers.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Method of Claim 1, wherein further comprising the step of deleting the identification number is deleted at the end of a stipulated period of time.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Method of Claim 1, wherein further comprising the steps of saving the patient's name and address filed on a Web server and/or database server are saved to an external data medium at the end of a stipulated period of time and deleted—deleting the patient's name and address from the Web server and/or database server.
- 5. (Currently Amended) Method of Claim 1 <u>further comprising the steps of</u>, <u>wherein encrypting</u> the data is encrypted prior to sending and <u>decrypted decrypting the data</u> upon receipt.

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6. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1, wherein the answer is displayed in an

invisible frameset.

7. (Currently Amended) Device for securing patient data in the case of an exchange of

information between a patient and a specialist by means of a data network, in

particular for performing the method of Claim 1, wherein comprising

a first Web server and a database server connected to the first Web server are

provided, through which the patient's name and address are entered and saved, and

through which the patient is assigned an identification number,

a second Web server is provided, through which the patient is able to exchange

data with a specialist under his identification number, the second Web server is

connected to the database server, and the first Web server and the second Web

server are isolated from each other.

8. (Original) Device of Claim 7, wherein physical separation is provided between the

first Web server and the database server on the one hand, and between the second

Web server and the database server on the other hand.

9. (Currently Amended) Device of Claim 7, wherein further comprising a second

database server is provided, which said second database server is connected to the

first and/or the second Web server.

10. (Currently Amended) Device of Claim 7, wherein further comprising a backup unit is

provided, which saves the data from the database server to an external data medium

at regular intervals of time and deletes the data from the database server.

11. (Currently Amended) Device of Claim 7, wherein\_further comprising a crypto module

is provided for the purpose of encrypting and decrypting the data.

12. (Currently Amended) Method of Claim 2, wherein-further comprising the step of

<u>deleting</u> the identification number is deleted at the end of a stipulated period of time.

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13. (Currently Amended) Method of Claim 2, wherein further comprising the steps of saving the patient's name and address filed on a Web server and/or a database server are saved to an external data medium at the end of a stipulated period of time and are deleted deleting the patient's from the Web server and/or database server.

14. (Currently Amended) Method of Claim 12, wherein further comprising the steps of saving the patient's name and address filed on a Web server and/or a database server are saved to an external data medium at the end of a stipulated period of time and are deleted name and address from the Web server and/or database server.

15. (Currently Amended) Method of Claim 14, wherein the data is encrypted further comprising the step of encrypting the data prior to sending and decrypted decrypting the data upon receipt.

16. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 15, wherein the answer is displayed in an invisible frameset.

17. (Currently Amended) Device for securing patient data in the case of an exchange of information between a patient and a specialist by means of a data network, in particular for performing the method of Claim 16, wherein comprising

a first Web server and a database server connected to the first Web server—are provided, through which the patient's name and address are entered and saved, and through which the patient is assigned an identification number,

a second Web server—is—provided, through which the patient is able to exchange data with a specialist under his identification number, the second Web server is connected to the database server, and the first Web server and the second Web server are isolated from each other.

18. (Previously Presented) Device of Claim 17, wherein physical separation is provided between the first Web server and the database server on the one hand, and between the second Web server and the database server on the other hand.

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- 19. (Currently Amended) Device of Claim 8, wherein—further comprising a second database server—is provided, which is connected to the first and/or the second Web server.
- 20. (Currently Amended) Device of Claim 18, wherein <u>further comprising</u> a second database server—is <u>provided</u>, which is connected to the first and/or the second Web server.